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THE INDEPENDENT

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E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1904.

A TEN MILLION fire swept Toronto, Canada, Tuesday, almost destroying the wholesale business district.

NEITHER Bryanism nor Socialism has thus far succeeded in burying Jeffersonian principles so deep as to beyond resurrection by the American people.

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. LINDEN, formerly superintendent of police of Philadelphia, and who became famous by his work in breaking up the notorious Molly Maguire gang, died in that city, Saturday night, at the age of 69 years.

J. WHITAKER THOMPSON, Esq., of Upper Providence, should in due time be advanced to the office of United States District Attorney. He has been a competent, faithful, painstaking assistant, and merits promotion.

THE height, glossiness and perpendicularity of a tall hat of approved style should be made to effect an invulnerable combination, on Congressional Convention day, against any covert or unkind attempt to kodak Editor Meredith as Mr. Bryan number two.

ANOTHER naval horror—the explosion of 2000 pounds of powder in the after 12-inch turret—cost the lives of five officers and 24 men on board the battleship Missouri, off Pensacola, Florida, Wednesday morning of last week. The explosion, with its horrible results, was no doubt due to the too prolonged rapid firing of the gun.

THE Democrats of the State of New York, in convention Monday, instructed their delegates to the National Convention to support Judge Parker for the Presidency, and adopted the unit rule. Judge Parker will be President Roosevelt's opponent at the polls next November. And the people will vote their choice.

It is in order to note that the Norristown Times is editorially disposed to entertain rational views in relation to partisan questions. It is not blind to the elements of strength credited to the opponents of the party it represents. The editorial writer of the Times, whoever he may be, is capable of displaying commendable wisdom.

THE Czar of Russia lost his greatest Admiral (Makarov) and about 600 members of the Russian navy in the destruction of a first-class battleship in the vicinity of Port Arthur, last week. It was at first reported that the battleship struck an explosive mine placed by the Russians and intended for Japs. A later report has it that a Japanese torpedo boat was the cause of the terrible disaster. Neither report appears to be confirmed.

THE Philadelphia Press well and truly says: "A criminal statute is needed, making it a State's prison offense for an automobile which has caused any damage to leave the scene of the accident without waiting until addresses are taken and it is ascertained what harm has been done. Independent of the injury accomplished, the mere departure itself ought to be made a crime, punishable not by fine or imprisonment, but by imprisonment, and this criminal penalty ought to attach to the licensed owner in default of knowledge of the chauffeur."

THE Democratic State Convention was held at Harrisburg on Tuesday, and the sixty-eight delegates from Pennsylvania will go unopposed, and as a unit, to the Democratic National Convention. Justice Samuel Gustine Thompson, Governor Pennypacker's appointee, was by acclamation nominated for a 21-year term on the Supreme Bench; and without opposition Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia; Robert E. Wright, of Lehigh; J. K. P. Hall, of Elk, and Colonel Guffey were elected national delegates-at-large. The Convention was harmonious in its proceedings and the platform adopted is a strong one.

It was announced in Pitsburg, Saturday, that Andrew Carnegie has created a fund of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of "the dependents of those losing their lives in heroic effort to save their fellowmen, or for the heroes themselves if injured only." Provision is also made for medals to be given in commemoration of heroic acts. The endowment is to be known as "The Hero Fund," and consists of \$5,000,000 of first collateral 5 per cent. bonds of the United States Steel Corporation. It is Mr. Carnegie's noble purpose to reward those who save the lives of others at the risk of their own life, and his benefactions will be widely and acutely appreciated in the course of years. The man who spends his millions for the benefit of his fellowmen must have a big heart as well as a broad mind.

THE appointment by President Roosevelt of United States District Attorney James B. Holland to the new Judgeship on the Federal Bench of Eastern Pennsylvania, confers a distinguished honor upon a deserving son of Montgomery county. Whatever of legitimate political influence may be associated with the appointment, the fact is conspicuous that his sterling traits of manhood and unflinching devotion to duty during the whole of his past private and public career, constituted the primary and efficient cause which ultimately resulted in Mr. Holland's latest and most notable advancement in public life. There are no deep secrets interwoven with Mr. Holland's success in life, thus far. None at all. From the post of teamster at an ore bank to a Federal Judgeship is a far cry; but intellectual ability, rugged honesty, and absolute fidelity to loyal friends emphasize and illuminate the recital of Mr. Holland's achievements all along the intervening way, however tortuous at times, from a humble though honorable beginning to an exalted position of public prominence and official responsibility.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14, 1904.
A week has to oblivion flitted
And brought us nothing very new.
The virtuous lobby has not quitted,

The President is still on view;
The Congress plays a waiting game,
And scandal-mongers come and go
And things appear about the same
As when I wrote a week ago.
It still seems, as it seemed a week ago,
That Congress may succeed in

adjoining by the first of May, for the postoffice appropriation bill, which has been a thorn in the side of the administration, passed the Senate yesterday and has gone to conference on the amendments. These last did not include the proposition of Senator Gorman in behalf of the Democrats to have a Congressional investigation of the alleged corruption of members, for that was defeated by a party vote after an acrimonious exchange. This bitterness culminated Tuesday in the venerable and distinguished Senator Teller being insulted by Senator Hopkins of Illinois.

The persistent and aggressive efforts made by Senator Gorman and others to amend the bill so as to provide for a Congressional investigation of the prevalent scandals, were quite unavailing, Senators Lodge, Allison, Aldrich, and Spooner boldly avowing that they did not want any investigation of post-office management except such as had been made by the Department itself. That, they declared, was quite sufficient and covered the ground.

It is now revealed that the funeral of Senator Hanna cost the government more than \$30,000, although he was a millionaire. Last week more than forty speeches were delivered in Senate and House in eulogy of Senator Hanna and Representatives Burk and Forrester and members have leave to print for ten days. These will be published in immense volumes and the funerals and eulogies of the three men will cost the country not less than \$100,000.

Large Congressional committees are sent to the funerals on chartered Pullman trains, sometimes as many as fifty persons going, and everything is furnished by the government. They drink the rarest brands of champagne and smoke cigars that cost \$1 apiece. Senator Logan's funeral was an expensive one, among the smallest items being "1948 yards of calico at 7 c., \$146; 37 yards of cloth, \$7 c., \$33; two gross pins, \$2.88; 12 pieces tape, \$3; 15 yards fringe \$5.25; 28 yards silver braid, \$5.60; 24 yards crape, \$42; 30 silk sashes, \$210; 10 pieces hat crape, \$10; three dozen white silk gloves, \$12; \$36; 1 dozen cotton gloves, \$18; 5 pieces hat crape, \$5; 13 yards crape, \$23; 400 folding chairs, \$60. Total \$614.34." It would be interesting to know what became of the 400 new folding chairs, also where the 30 silk sashes at \$7 apiece went to. This was not a tithe of the cost of the funeral.

Thirteen years ago I interviewed William McKinley on this very question. "It is a dreadful abuse," he said, "and ought to be corrected and probably will be. These expensive funerals ought to be abolished. And I would not give a day to eulogies, either; I would have an hour or two given to funeral speeches the moment a death is announced, and return to it no more. Then, whatever is said would be impromptu and spontaneous; it would come from the heart and go to the heart, and there would be very little that would be merely formal and artificial. Our whole method of burying Congressmen should be revolutionized. There should be no more junketing excursions to bury our dead in some far off state."

Last evening at the Iroquois Club at Chicago, Lieutenant Gen. Miles made an effort to repair his boom which has been somewhat fractured by getting tangled up with some "dry" material that has escaped from the Prohibition camp. He could not speak freely about the subjugation of the Philippines, the "taking over" of Panama, or even the Eastern war, so that his speech was sure to be perfunctory and commonplace.

On Tuesday there was introduced into the Senate a bill providing for a civil government for the Panama canal zone. There is expected to be a population of 70,000 while the canal is in process of construction. There is to be no involuntary servitude, or imprisonment for debt, which is good, since some 40,000 coolies or negroes will be imported and made to work at the very lowest wages. Religion is to be free, which will enable the Chinese to set up their Joss-houses. One member of the Commission will have executive authority, and four will be able to pass needful laws—these powers being delegated to them by Congress. Where Congress got the right to transfer to seven citizens of the United States the power to make and enforce laws, is a question which no really "patriotic" person will ever ask.

The terrible tragedy on board the battleship Missouri has set every official here to thinking. They are asking each other, "Is there not too much rivalry? Are we not having too many powder tournaments? Are we not so strong that we are weak? So strenuous that we are imprudent and foolish? Are we all singing 'Hurrah for the next day's death?'"

There will be lively times in the Senate now that Tillman has returned with a reconstructed throat. Jacob Riis, the Boswell of the President, Albert Shaw of the Review of Reviews, and Alex. McCormick, of the Newspaper Publishers Association, breakfasted at the White House—Mrs. Gen. Miles is recovering—Postmaster Gen. Payne is in Galveston afflicted with gout. Gen. Miles made a ringing speech that had the scream of the old eagle in it though he was somewhat handicapped by the rumor that the President is lying in wait to catch

him in some utterance that can be called indiscreet and have him court-martialed.

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